

V. POLISH UNITED WORKERS PARTY (PZPR) ORGANIZATION IN FRANCE 1/

The Polish United Workers Party (PZPR) has no organization in France apart from cells, organized on strictly conspiratorial lines, the membership of which is restricted to accredited Polish officials. Each cell is under the immediate direction of its secretary, elected from and by the membership of the cell itself. The cells in turn are directed by a seven-member Party Committee elected for one year by the cell secretaries and a few trusted comrades, and not by the members as a whole.

Because the Party Committee has no legal status in France and is conspiratorial in nature, it has no declared seat of operations. The identity of guiding personalities, considerations of operational convenience and the availability of respectable cover leads to the conclusion that the headquarters of the Party Committee is in the Polish Embassy in Paris.

Members of each cell know the identity of their own secretary but do not know the identity of the secretary of any of the other cells. Neither do the cell members know the members of the Party Committee.

The entire PZPR organization or operation is under the supervision and control of the PZPR Representative for France who has not been identified since early 1950.

The PZPR is composed of Polish officials only and all Party organizations and activities exist at its pleasure. Through its membership, it maintains influence over the direction and control of all political, cultural, religious, commercial, industrial and financial activities sponsored by the Polish Government concerning the Polish colony in France.

The political and propaganda operations of the Polish Embassy and Consulates in France are controlled from the Office of Foreign Affairs of the PZPR Central Committee in Poland. The direction of the propaganda program itself is specifically delegated to two departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: the Department of Press and Information and the Office for Poles Abroad. 2/